

POSEY COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



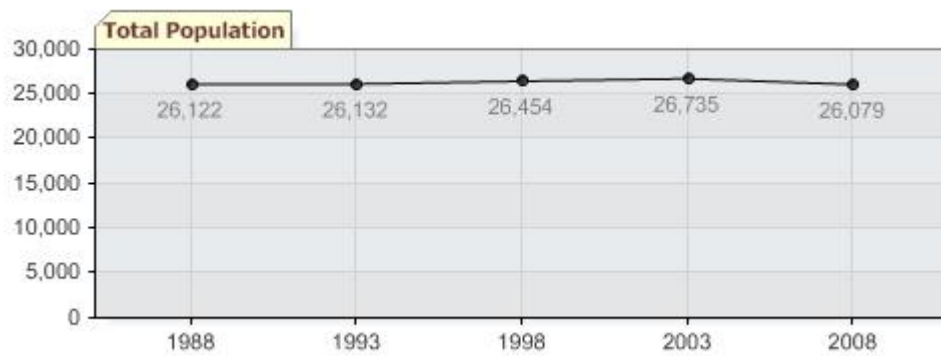
Location

Posey County is located in southwest corner Indiana. The county is bordered on the west by the Wabash River and the State of Illinois; and on the south by the Ohio River and the State of Kentucky. Gibson County is to the north; and Vanderburgh County to the east. Posey County is one of the nine counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 11. Posey County along with Gibson, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana are part of the Evansville Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

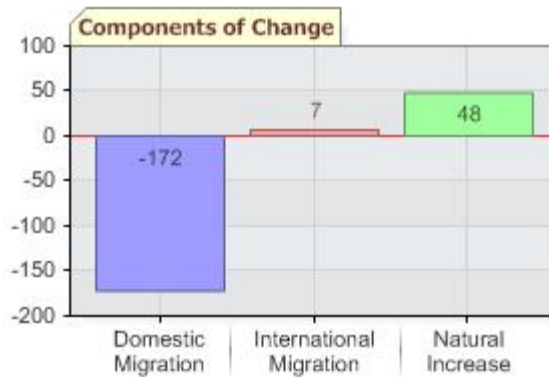
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	26,122	26,132	26,454	26,735	26,079
Change Since 1988		10	332	613	-43
Pct. Change Since 1988		0.0%	1.3%	2.3%	-0.2%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-172
International Migration	7
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	48
Births	255
Deaths	207



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

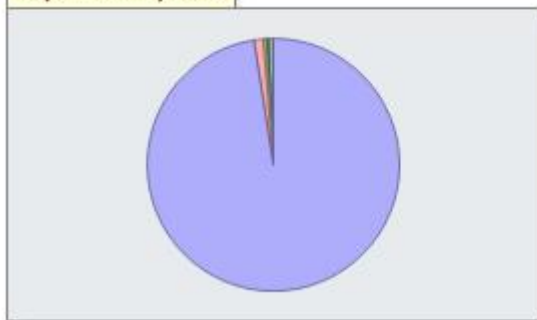
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,267	4.8%
School Age	4,762	18.2%
College Age	2,441	9.3%
Young Adult	6,273	23.9%
Older Adult	8,137	31.0%
Older (65 plus)	3,382	12.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	78	0.3%
Asian Alone	79	0.3%
Black Alone	308	1.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	1	0.0%
White Alone	25,612	97.7%
Two or More Race Groups	184	0.7%

Population by Race



97.73 %	White
1.18 %	Black
0.30 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.30 %	Asian
0.00 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.70 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	26,075	99.5%
Hispanic or Latino	187	0.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

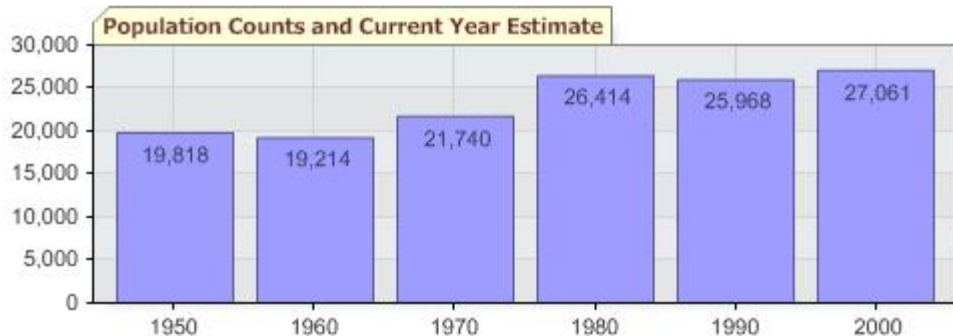
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	10,205	100.0%
Family Households	7,613	74.6%
Married with Children	3,007	29.5%
Married without Children	3,477	34.1%
Single Parents	706	6.9%
Other	423	4.1%
Non-family Households	2,592	25.4%
Living Alone	2,251	22.1%
Average Household Size	2.65	
Average Family Household Size	3.55	

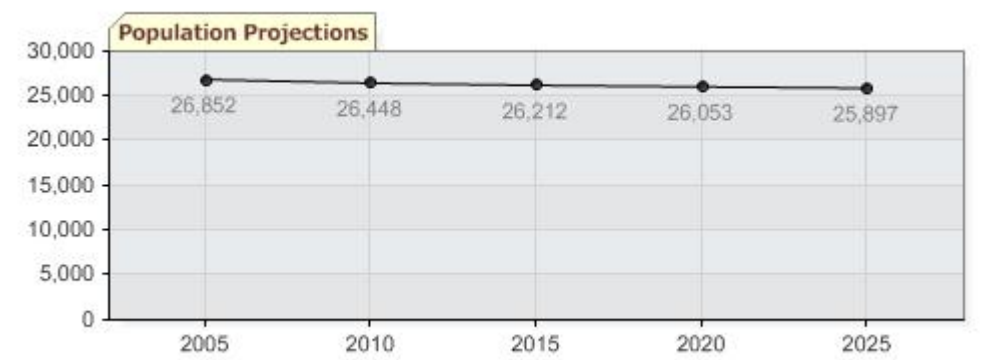
Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	19,818	NA	NA
1960	19,214	-604	-3.0%
1970	21,740	2,526	13.1%
1980	26,414	4,674	21.5%
1990	25,968	-446	-1.7%
April 2000	27,061	1,093	4.2%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



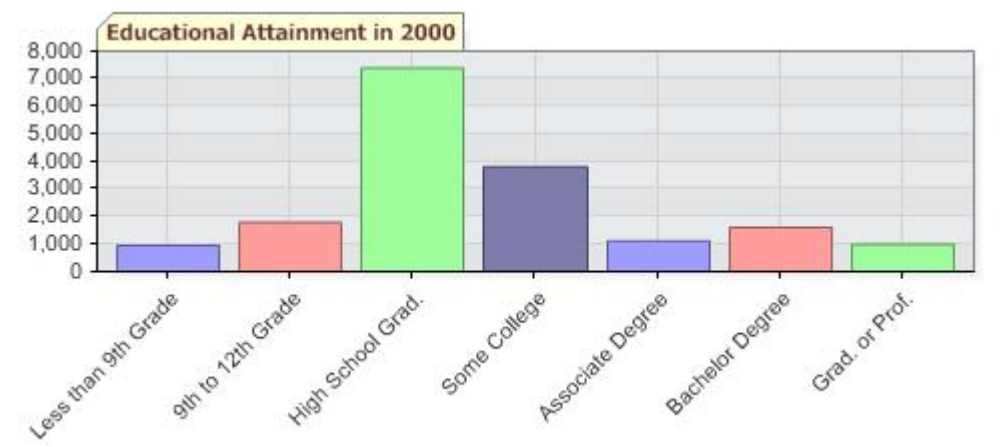
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	26,852	26,448	26,212	26,053	25,897
Change Since 2005		-404	-640	-799	-955
Pct. Change Since 2005		-1.5%	-2.4%	-3.0%	-3.6%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

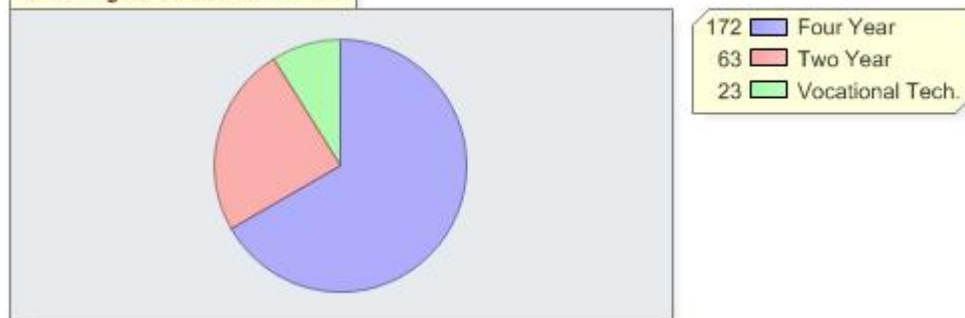
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	11,918	15,124	16,513	17,671
Less than 9th Grade	4,125	3,164	1,606	955
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,980	2,265	2,308	1,793
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	4,394	6,511	7,305	7,393
Some College, No Degree			2,452	3,810
Associate Degree			1,019	1,111
Bachelors Degree			1,065	1,611
Graduate or Professional Degree			758	998



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	335	305	337	313
Total to Higher Education	263	240	277	258
Four-Year Institution	190	185	192	172
Two-Year Institution	30	37	37	63
Vocational/Tech.	43	18	48	23
Military	14	8	7	6

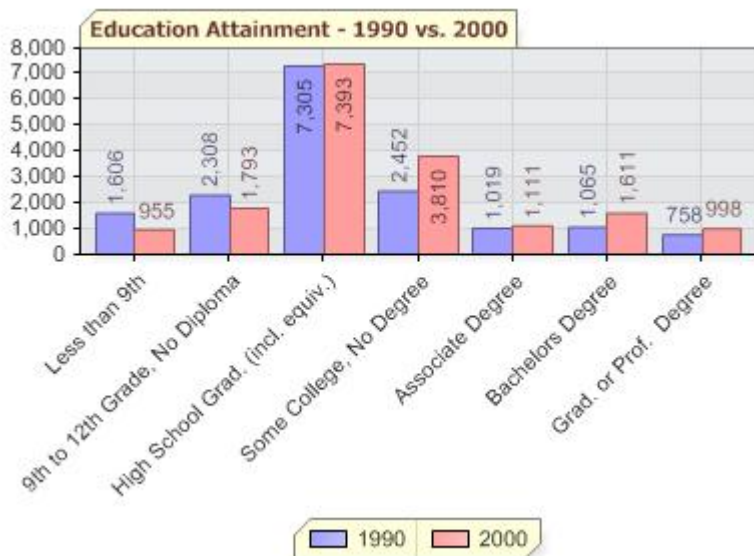
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	16,513	100.0%	17,671	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,606	9.7%	955	5.4%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,308	14.0%	1,793	10.1%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	7,305	44.2%	7,393	41.8%
Some College, No Degree	2,452	14.8%	3,810	21.6%
Associate Degree	1,019	6.2%	1,111	6.3%
Bachelors Degree	1,065	6.4%	1,611	9.1%
Graduate or Professional Degree	758	4.6%	998	5.6%

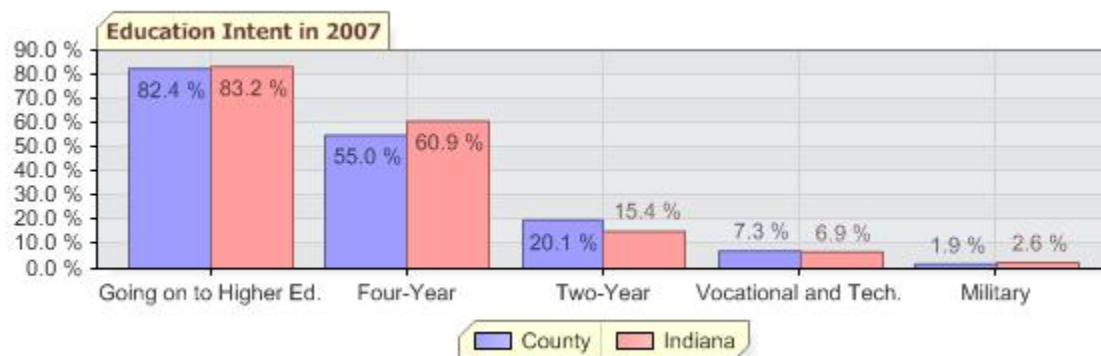


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	82.4%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	55.0%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	20.1%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	7.3%	6.9%
Military	1.9%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

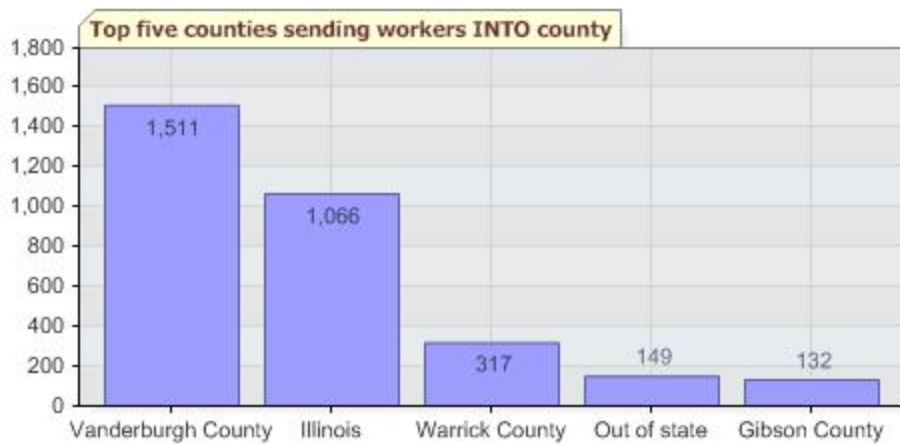
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	18,596
Number of tax filers who work in the county	15,616
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	12,274
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,342

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

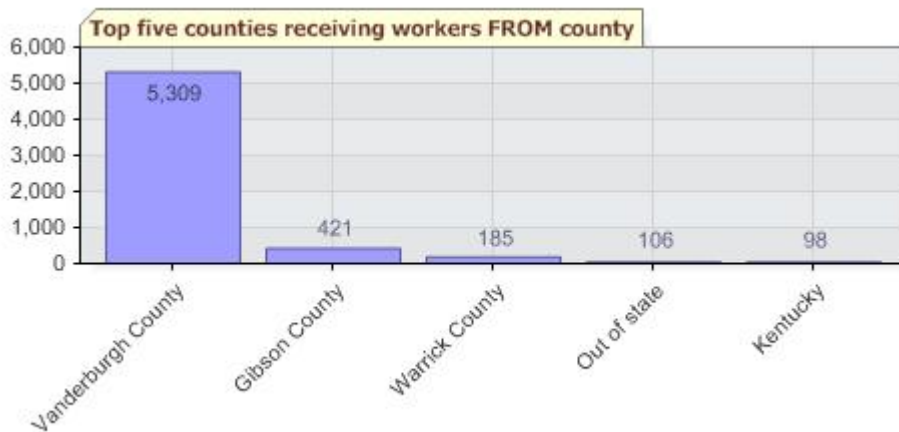
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Vanderburgh County	1,511	45.9%
Illinois	1,066	32.4%
Warrick County	317	9.6%
Out of state	149	4.5%
Gibson County	132	4.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Vanderburgh County	5,309	86.8%
Gibson County	421	6.9%
Warrick County	185	3.0%
Out of state	106	1.7%
Kentucky	98	1.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

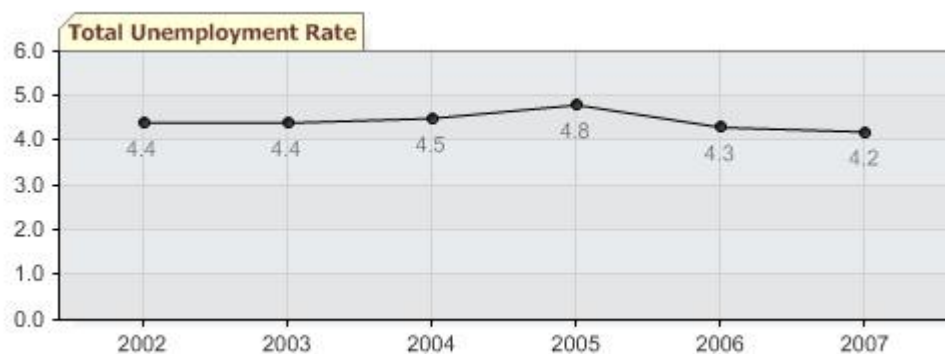
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	12,866	100.0%
Travel To Work	12,453	96.8%
Car, Truck, or Van	12,089	94.0%
Traveled Alone	11,092	86.2%
Carpooled	997	7.7%
Used Public Transportation	6	0.0%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	358	2.8%
Worked At Home	413	3.2%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	23.0	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	25.0	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

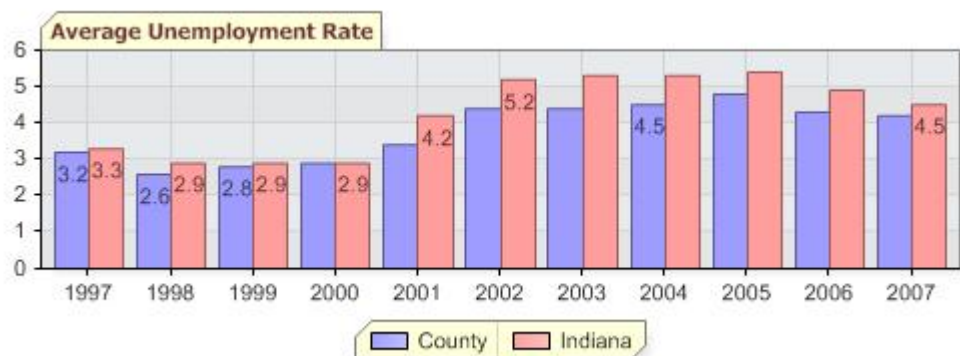
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	13,420	-3.7%
Employed	12,850	-5.0%
Unemployed	570	39.7%
Rate	4.2	44.8%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	14,115	13,665	450	3.2	3.3
1998	13,954	13,587	367	2.6	2.9
1999	14,060	13,670	390	2.8	2.9
2000	13,932	13,524	408	2.9	2.9
2001	14,009	13,532	477	3.4	4.2
2002	14,237	13,616	621	4.4	5.2
2003	14,010	13,399	611	4.4	5.3
2004	13,758	13,142	616	4.5	5.3
2005	13,849	13,184	665	4.8	5.4
2006	13,806	13,208	598	4.3	4.9
2007	13,420	12,850	570	4.2	4.5



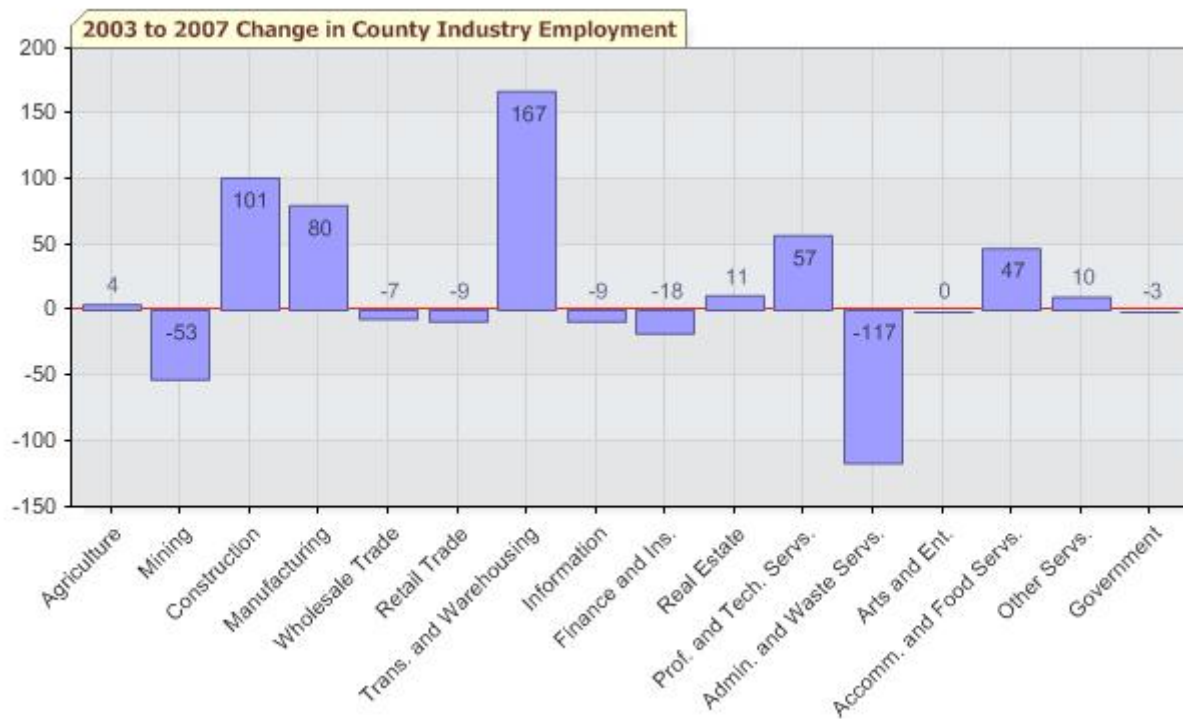
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	8,426	8,620	8,708	8,708	8,776	350	4.15%
Total Private Employment	7,163	7,335	7,455	7,454	7,516	353	4.93%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	46	54	57	50	50	4	8.70%
Mining	76	119	34	28	23	-53	-69.74%
Construction	709	724	748	784	810	101	14.25%
Manufacturing	2,799	2,895	3,018	2,902	2,879	80	2.86%
Wholesale Trade	369	371	369	366	362	-7	-1.90%
Retail Trade	765	777	772	750	756	-9	-1.18%
Transport. and Warehousing	462	483	564	599	629	167	36.15%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	43	36	34	35	34	-9	-20.93%
Finance and Insurance	149	137	130	133	131	-18	-12.08%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	30	33	33	43	41	11	36.67%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	308	327	342	369	365	57	18.51%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	195	142	84	82	78	-117	-60.00%
Educational Services	D	64	D	D	84	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	394	412	454	460	404	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	35	37	35	35	35	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	485	479	479	504	532	47	9.69%
Other Services	147	155	146	145	157	10	6.80%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,263	1,285	1,253	1,254	1,260	-3	-0.24%

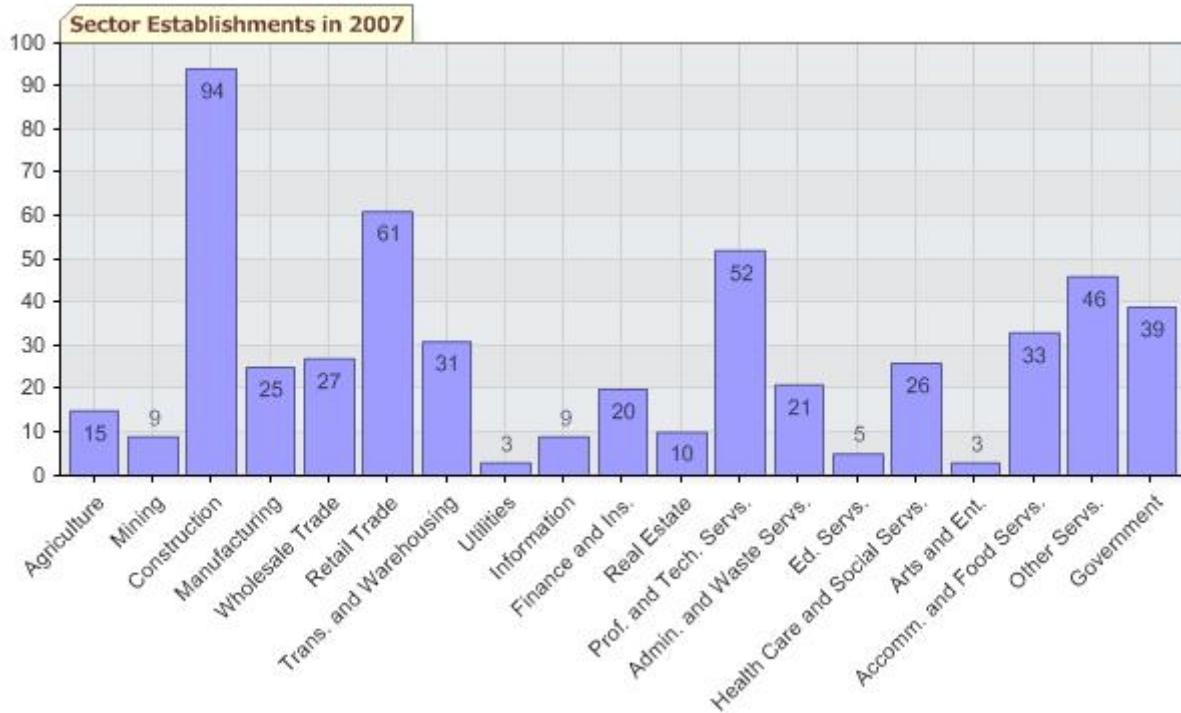


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	504	516	524	530	530	26	5.16%
Total Private Establishments	471	482	489	494	491	20	4.25%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	14	14	14	16	15	1	7.14%
Mining	8	9	9	8	9	1	12.50%
Construction	97	93	95	98	94	-3	-3.09%
Manufacturing	28	29	26	24	25	-3	-10.71%
Wholesale Trade	24	26	26	26	27	3	12.50%
Retail Trade	67	66	66	64	61	-6	-8.96%
Transport. and Warehousing	27	28	32	30	31	4	14.81%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	7	8	7	7	9	2	28.57%
Finance and Insurance	21	21	21	21	20	-1	-4.76%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	10	11	10	11	10	0	0.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	45	52	52	54	52	7	15.56%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	19	19	20	20	21	2	10.53%
Educational Services	D	4	D	D	5	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	26	26	29	28	26	0	0.00%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	4	4	4	4	3	-1	-25.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	30	29	30	33	33	3	10.00%
Other Services	39	42	43	44	46	7	17.95%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	33	34	35	36	39	6	18.18%



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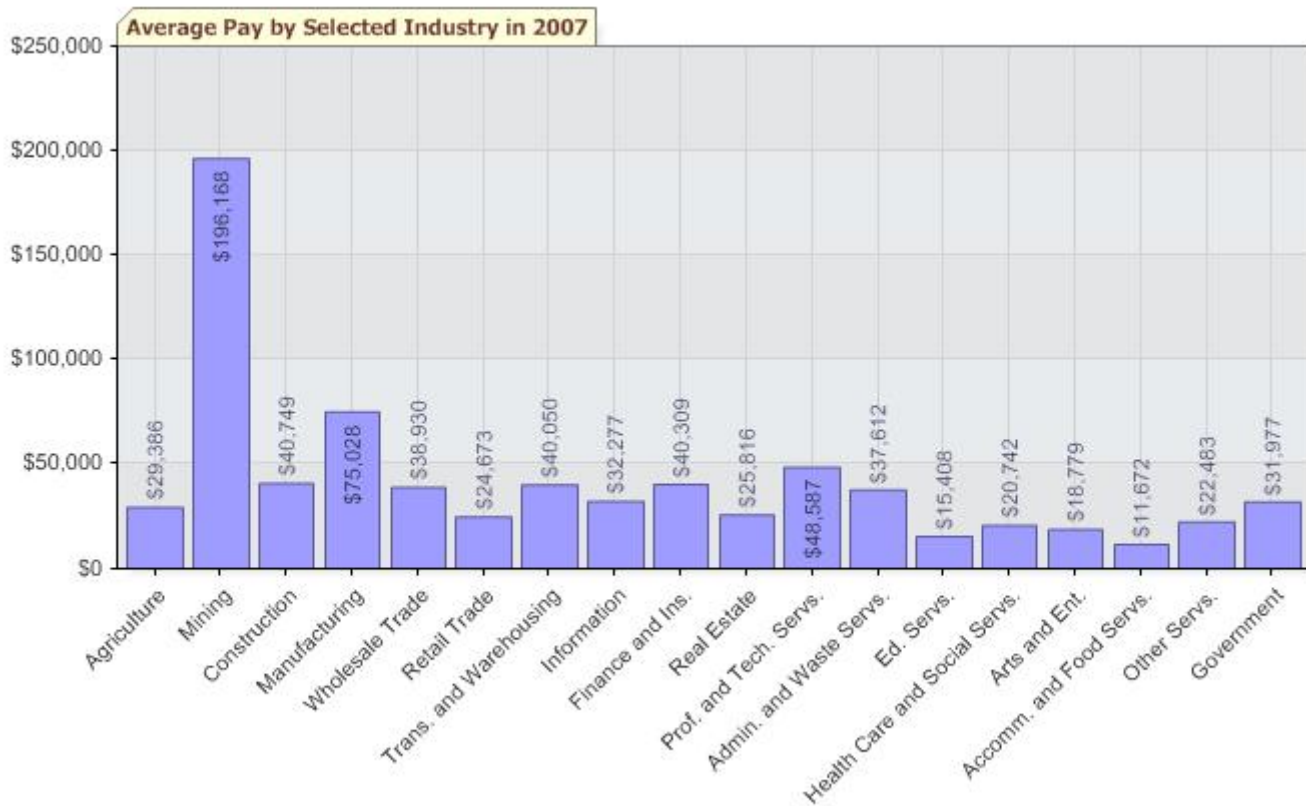
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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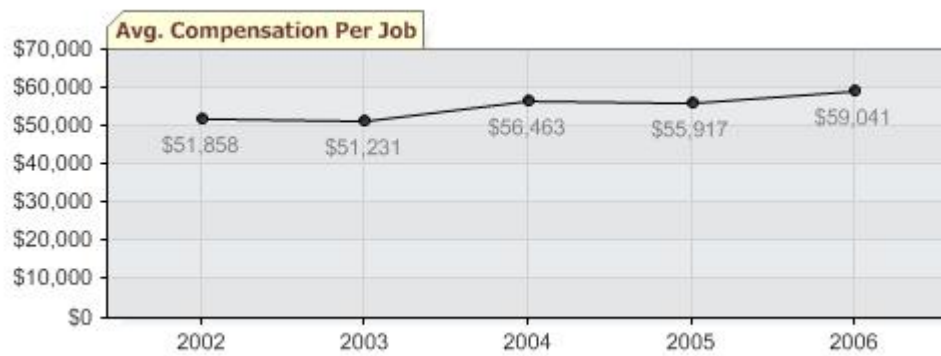
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$41,102	\$46,820	\$5,718	13.9%	\$37,530	124.8%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$28,033	\$29,386	\$1,353	4.8%	\$28,008	104.9%
Mining	\$51,949	\$196,168	\$144,219	277.6%	\$57,315	342.3%
Construction	\$33,706	\$40,749	\$7,043	20.9%	\$44,754	91.1%
Manufacturing	\$66,772	\$75,028	\$8,256	12.4%	\$51,148	146.7%
Wholesale Trade	\$38,444	\$38,930	\$486	1.3%	\$51,432	75.7%
Retail Trade	\$21,928	\$24,673	\$2,746	12.5%	\$22,581	109.3%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$35,509	\$40,050	\$4,541	12.8%	\$38,012	105.4%
Utilities	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	\$31,760	\$32,277	\$517	1.6%	\$46,311	69.7%
Finance & Insurance	\$34,479	\$40,309	\$5,830	16.9%	\$52,649	76.6%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$22,308	\$25,816	\$3,509	15.7%	\$32,614	79.2%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$40,096	\$48,587	\$8,491	21.2%	\$51,451	94.4%
Mgt.of Companies	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$24,672	\$37,612	\$12,940	52.4%	\$24,934	150.8%
Education Svcs.	D	\$15,408	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	49.7%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$19,262	\$20,742	\$1,480	7.7%	\$37,706	55.0%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$14,555	\$18,779	\$4,224	29.0%	\$29,251	64.2%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$10,757	\$11,672	\$914	8.5%	\$12,442	93.8%
Other Svcs.	\$17,779	\$22,483	\$4,704	26.5%	\$24,862	90.4%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$29,578	\$31,977	\$2,399	8.1%	\$37,054	86.3%



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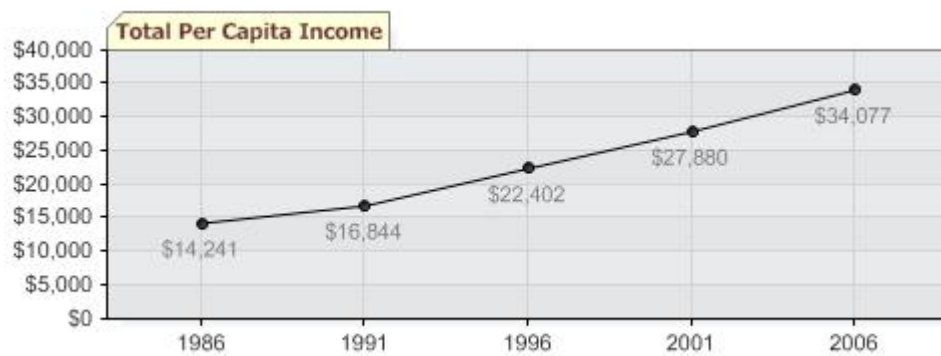
Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$51,858	\$51,231	\$56,463	\$55,917	\$59,041
Change Since 2002		-\$627	\$4,605	\$4,059	\$7,183
Pct. Change Since 2002		-1.2%	8.9%	7.8%	13.9%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$14,241	\$16,844	\$22,402	\$27,880	\$34,077
Change Since 1986		\$2,603	\$8,161	\$13,639	\$19,836
Pct. Change Since 1986		18.3%	57.3%	95.8%	139.3%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$46,829
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	39.4%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

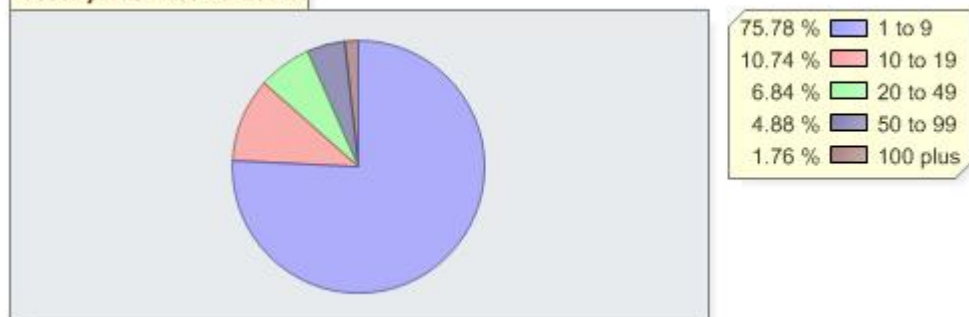
Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	388	-1	-0.3%	75.8%
10-19 employees	55	-12	-17.9%	10.7%
20-49 employees	35	-9	-20.5%	6.8%

50-99 employees	25	11	78.6%	4.9%
100 plus employees	9	-1	-10.0%	1.8%
TOTAL	512	-12	-2.3%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

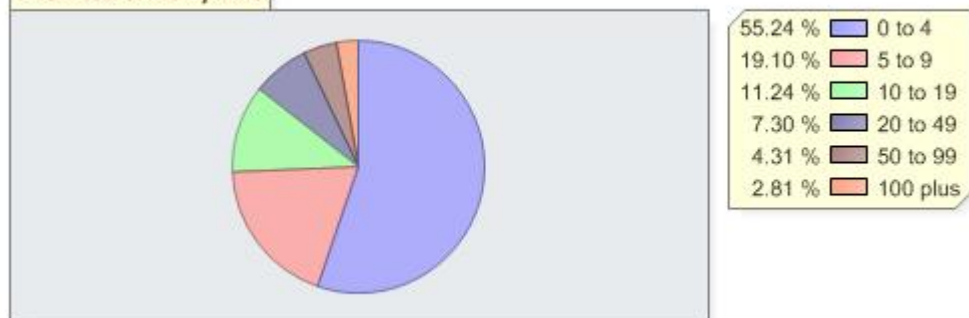


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	295	55.2%
5 to 9 employees	102	19.1%
10 to 19 employees	60	11.2%
20 to 49 employees	39	7.3%
50 to 99 employees	23	4.3%
100 plus employees	15	2.8%
TOTAL	534	100.0%

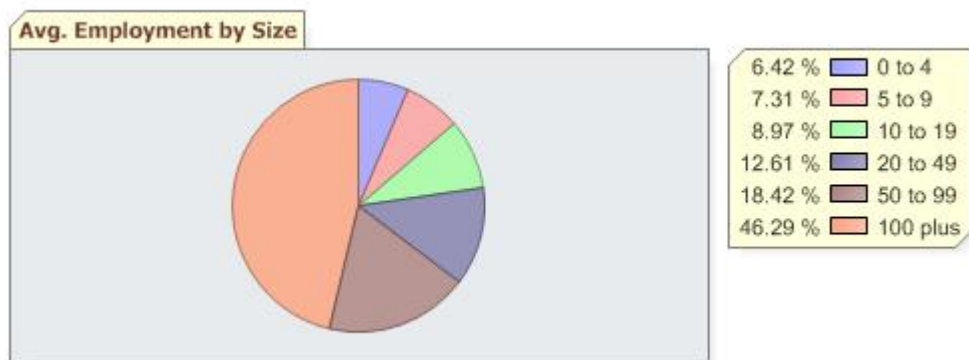
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	570	6.4%
5 to 9 employees	649	7.3%
10 to 19 employees	797	9.0%
20 to 49 employees	1,120	12.6%
50 to 99 employees	1,636	18.4%
100 plus employees	4,112	46.3%
TOTAL	8,883	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.